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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Number: EPA-HQ-2013-004757

Dear Ms. Wilkins:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 21, 2013, requesting records regarding:

1. All written communications exchanged with and received by the following Bristol Bay Assessment Project Leads, Bristol Bay Assessment Teams leaders and members, Bristol Bay Assessment contractors, EPA managers, EPA staff, EPA management advisors, and other, individuals, which in any way mention or refer to any of the claims or facts alleged in the grievance: Jeff Frithsen, Region 10 staff, Tami Ford, Alan Boraas, Catherine Knott, Rick Parkin, Judy Smith, David Bussard, Gina Perovich, Debra Walsh, Michael Slimak, Kenneth Olden, Darrel Winters, Becki Clark and Krysti Holbert. This also applies to anyone serving or acting in the positions of the individuals named above (i.e. any person serving as a branch chief for the NCEA, Ecological Assessment and the Exposure & Risk Characterization Group (which is Jeff's position), on behalf of, or instead of Jeff Frithsen.
2. All journals, daily logs, calendars, notes, diaries, e-mails, correspondence or similar documents prepared by Bristol Bay Assessment Project Leads, Bristol Bay Assessment Teams leaders and members, Bristol Bay Assessment contractors, EPA managers, EPA staff, EPA management advisors, and other, individuals, which in any way mention or refer to any of the claims or facts alleged in the grievance: Jeff Frithsen, Region 10 staff, Tami Ford, Alan Boraas, Catherine Knott, Rick Parkin, Judy Smith, David Bussard, Gina Perovich, Debra Walsh, Michael Slimak, Kenneth Olden, Darrel Winters, Becki Clark and Krysti Holbert, and other individuals relating to any of the claims or facts alleged in the grievance or that purport to record events, conversations or perceptions concerning the allegations in this grievance.
3. All written statements, recorded statements, and notes of interviews of any individual having or purporting to have knowledge or information pertaining to the claims or facts alleged in this grievance.

4. All written, audiotaped, videotaped, or transcribed statements from any person with knowledge of any claims or facts alleged in this grievance.
5. All notes, journal or diary entries or any other written document prepared by EPA management or its advisors relating to any act of race or color discrimination, or retaliation complained of in this grievance.
6. All documents from any personal computer, or any personal e-mail account, reflecting communications between EPA management and EPA employees, or their advisors which in any way mention or refer to any of the claims or facts alleged in this grievance.
7. All communications (including emails, letters, and/or other documents) occurring between the following individuals: project leads, authors, contributors, acknowledged persons, contractors, volunteers, or any other people who helped plan and develop ideas and content relating to cultural and social population impacts that appear in the Bristol Bay Assessment.

The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) has been assigned the lead to respond to your FOIA request within the Office of Research and Development (ORD). NCEA provided you an email response dated Wednesday, May 8th, 2013 providing a preliminary cost estimate of \$6,625.00 for the completion of your FOIA request. You will need to provide EPA a written letter to Brent Bohn, NCEA FOIA Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment (MC 8601-P), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460 or an email to bohn.brent@epa.gov stating that you will provide an assurance of payment of \$6,625.00 towards the completion of your FOIA request. Once EPA has received your assurance of payment, EPA will go forward with the completion of your FOIA request. If you do not provide the assurance of payment for \$6,625.00, within 30 days of the date of this letter, then this letter will be your final response to your FOIA request.

This completes EPA's response to your request. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.A. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only) Fax (202) 566-2147, E-mail hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30-calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the case identification: EPA-HQ-2013-004757. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "for Kenneth B. Olden".

Kenneth Olden,
Center Director, National Center for
Environmental Assessment